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SUBJ: DANGER TO AGREEMENT THROUGH EGYPTIAN DEMANDS ON UNEF

ISLAMABAD FOR SECRETARY FROM SCALI

1. ASG URQUHART TELEPHONED AMBASSADORS SCALI AND BENNETT ON
BEHALF SYG TO ADVISE OF ACTIVITIES ON PART OF EGYPTIANS WHICH
IN VIEW WALDHEIM AND URQUHART OFFER SERIOUS POSSIBILITY OF
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BREAKDOWN OF US-NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT. URQUHART REPORTED THAT

EGYPTIAN PERM REP MEGUID HAD CALLED ON SYG IN EARLY EVENING NOV. 9 TO MAKE WHAT URQUHART DESCRIBED AS HIGHLY IRRATIONAL DEMANDS. URQUHART SAID MEGUID'S LANGUAGE TO SYG HAD BEEN ABUSIVE AND OFFENSIVE AND THAT HE WAS IN FACT IN "MANIC STATE." HE HAD DEMANDED THAT GENERAL SIILASVUO, AT SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 10 MEETING BETWEEN EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELIS, FORCE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL BY ISRAELIS TO OCTOBER 22 POSITIONS AND IMMEDIATE EVACUATION OF ADABIYA, ATAGA AND SUEZ. URQUHART EXPRESSED VIEW THAT MEGUID'S APPROACH REPRESENTED MORE THAN LOCAL INITIATIVE SINCE HE WAS WELL INFORMED ON DETAILS OF SIILASVUO'S CONVERSATIONS WITH EGYPTIANS AND SYG ACCEPTS MEGUID POSITION THAT HE WAS SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM FAHMI.

2. MEGUID TOLD SYG THAT, IF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY ACCOMPLISHED, EGYPT WOULD GO BACK TO WAR. IMPLICIT ALSO WAS THREAT TO DEMAND SC MEETING SOMETIME NOVEMBER 10 AND START ANGRY ROUND THERE.

3. URQUHART COMMENTED THAT MEGUID'S VIEW OF GENERAL SIILASVUO'S RESPONSIBILITIES SIMPLY DOES NOT ACCORD WITH TERMS OF AGREEMENT WORKED OUT BY SECSTATE KISSINGER. HE SAID THAT UN WAS IN COMPLETE DISAGREEMENT WITH MEGUID'S DEMANDS AND WAS INSTRUCTING GENERAL SIILASVUO FOR NOVEMBER 10 MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) HE WAS TO MAKE NO INTERPRETATION OF THE AGREEMENT;
- 2) HE WOULD OFFER TO LEND HIS GOOD OFFICES TO THE PARTIES;

AND

- 3) HE WOULD CONFINE HIMSELF TO THE UN'S MANDATE.

4. SYG HAD POINTED OUT TO MEGUID THAT UN HAD NOT MADE THE AGREEMENT WHICH EGYPT HAD ACCEPTED AND COULD NOT GO BEYOND ITS TERMS. NOVEMBER 10 MEETING WOULD BE FUNDAMENTAL IN REACHING DECISIONS REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT.

5. URQUHART SAID INCIDENTALLY UN AS YET HAD NO RPT NO CONFIRMATION FROM ISRAELIS THAT THEY PLAN TO ATTEND NOVEMBER 10 MEETING SET FOR 2 PM LOCAL TIME AT KM 109.

6. URQUHART SAID UN HAD NO CLEAR IDEA AS TO WHAT LAY BEHIND EGYPTIAN APPROACH. UN COULD ONLY SPECULATE THAT EGYPTIAN MILITARY
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LEADERSHIP HAD BECOME AROUSED AND NOW WISHED THEY HAD NOT ACCEPTED AGREEMENT. HE REITERATED THIS WAS MERELY SPECULATION. HE DID NOT KNOW WHY EGYPT WAS ACTING AS IT WAS, BUT ITS DEMANDS WERE PUTTING SYG AND UN IN IMPOSSIBLE POSITION.

7 URQUHART SAID WALDHEIM AND HE HAD RELUCTANTLY COME TO CONCLUSION THAT THEY MUST ASK DR. KISSINGER TO MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT WITH EGYPTIANS. THEY BELIEVED IT ESSENTIAL TO REQUEST

HIM TO GET IN TOUCH WITH EGYPTIANS WITHOUT DELAY AND TRY TO
GET MATTERS BACK ON THE TRACK.
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